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Manchester. Conn. **Chief Marc Montminy answers** reporters questions near the site of a multiple fatal shooting in Manchester, Conn., Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010. A warehouse driver who was asked to resign his job at a beer distributor refused, then opened fire Tuesday morning, a company executive said.

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NO FAVRE



This Jan. 24, 2010, file photo shows Minnesota Vikings quarterback Brett Favre (4) celebrating his touchdown pass to Sidney Rice during the first quarter of the NFC Championship NFL football game against the New Orleans Saints, in New Orleans.

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New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, center, City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, third from left, and members of local religious institutions stand in front of the Statue of Liberty for a news conference in New York, Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010. The political and religious leaders were there to show their support for a mosque and Islamic cultural center planned in lower Manhattan.

NYC panel clears way for mosque near ground zero

BETH FOUHY KAREN MATTHEWS

Associated Press Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — A city panel Tuesday cleared the way for the construction near ground zero of a mosque that has caused a political uproar over religious freedom and the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks even as opponents vowed to press their case in court.

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Republicans want review of birthright citizenship



Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., talks to the media on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010, after the Republican policy luncheon.

Associated Press

BEN EVANS

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Leading Republicans are joining a push to reconsider the constitutional amendment that grants automatic citizenship to people born in the United States.

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Family members of slain local leader of the Muttahida Quami Movement Raza Haider who was killed by unknown gunmen, cry during his funeral in Karachi, Pakistan on Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010. Gunmen killed dozens of people in Pakistan's largest city after the assassination of a lawmaker, officials said Tuesday. **Associated Press**

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Obama signs bill reducing gap in cocaine sentences



President Barack Obama signs the Fair Sentencing Act, Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010, in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama signed into law on Tuesday a bill to reduce the disparity between federal mandatory sentences for convictions for crack cocaine and the powder form of the illegal drug.

Obama had no comment as

he signed in an Oval Office ceremony open only to news photographers.

The sentencing discrepancy has been a longtime irritant within the black community, a vital Obama constituency.

The quarter-century-old law that Congress changed

with the bill Obama signed subjected tens of thousands of black cocaine users to long prison terms while specifying far more lenient sentences to those, mainly whites, caught with powder cocaine.

The new law is not retroactive

and applies only to federal defendants, with no impact on state mandatory sentencing laws. Most drug arrests occur at the state level.

Monica Pratt, spokeswoman for Families Against Mandatory Minimums, said the states generally have been ahead of the federal government in moving away from mandatory sentences in general.

And Bill Piper, director of national affairs for the Drug Policy Alliance, said most states already treat crack and powder cocaine the same. The significance of the new law, he said, is that prosecutors sometimes kick cases up to the federal level to get harsher sentences, which now will be less likely to happen.

The measure Obama signed changes a 1986 law that was enacted at a time when crack cocaine use was rampant, especially in major cities. The drug carried with it a reputation

as a cause of particularly harsh violence among suppliers, sellers and users.

Under that law, a person convicted of possessing five grams of crack cocaine got the same mandatory prison term as someone with 500 grams, or 100 times more, of powder cocaine. The legislation reduces that ratio to about 18-1

The bill also eliminates the five-year mandatory minimum for first-time possession of crack, the first time since the 1970s that Congress has repealed a mandatory minimum sentence. The repeal does not apply retroactively. In the 2008 campaign, Obama cited figures that blacks serve almost as much time for drug offenses, 58.7 months, as whites do for violent offenses, 61.7 months. He said the wide gap in sentencing "cannot be justified and should be eliminated."





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The Landmarks Preservation Commission voted unanimously to deny landmark status to a building two blocks from the World Trade Center site that developers want to tear down and convert into an Islamic community center and mosque. The panel said the 152-year-old lower Manhattan building isn't distinctive enough to be considered a landmark.

The decision drew praise from Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who stepped before cameras on Governor's Island with the Statue of Liberty as a backdrop shortly after the panel voted and called the mosque project a key test of Americans' commitment to religious freedom.

"The World Trade Center site will forever hold a special place in our city, in our hearts," said Bloomberg, a Republican turned independent. "But we would be untrue to the best part of ourselves, and who we are as New Yorkers and Americans, if we said no to a mosque in lower Manhattan." The vote was a setback for opponents of the mosque, who say it disrespects the memory of those killed at the hands of Islamic terrorists on Sept. 11, 2001. Jeers and shouts of "Shame on you" could be heard after the panel's vote.

The American Center for Law and Justice, a conservative advocacy group founded by the Rev. Pat Robertson, announced it would challenge the panel's decision in state court Wednesday.

ACLJ attorney Brett Joshpe said the group would file a petition alleging that the landmarks panel "acted arbitrarily and abused its discretion."

proposed The mosque has emerged as a national political issue, with prominent Republicans from former vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin to former House of Representatives Speaker Newt Gingrich lining up against The Anti-Defamation League, the nation's most prominent Jewish civil rights group, known for advocating religious freedom, shocked many groups when it spoke

out against the mosque last week

The League said building the Islamic center "in the shadow of the World Trade Center will cause some victims more pain — unnecessarily — and that is not right."

Bloomberg said Tuesday that denying religious freedom to Muslims would play into terrorists' hands. He said firefighters and other first responders who died in the Sept. 11 attacks had done so to protect the U.S. Constitution.

"In rushing into those burning buildings, not one asked, 'What god do you pray to? What beliefs do you hold?" Bloomberg said of the first responders. "We do not honor their lives by denying the very constitutional rights they died protecting."

Former Rep. Rick Lazio, a Republican running for governor of New York, attended the commission meeting with a handful of opponents to the mosque, which is being developed by a group called the Cordoba Initiative.

"This is not about religion," Lazio said. "It's about this particular mosque called the Cordoba Mosque, it's about it being at ground zero, it's about it being spearheaded by an imam who has associated himself with radical Islamic causes and has made comments that should chill every single American, frankly."

Lazio said the group's imam, Feisal Abdul Rauf, had refused to call the Palestinian group Hamas a terrorist organization. Rauf also said in a "60 Minutes" interview televised shortly after Sept. 11 that "United States policies were an accessory to the crime that happened."

The Cordoba Initiative says on its website that its goal is to foster a better relationship between the Muslim world and the West, "steering the world back to the course of mutual recognition and respect and away from heightened tensions."

"We believe it will be a place where the counter-momentum against extremism will begin," the imam's wife, Daisy Khan, told The Associated Press Friday. "We are committed to peace."

The center's board will include members of other religions, the project's backers said. There also will be a Sept. 11 memorial to the victims of the attacks. Khan said.

The commission's decision not to designate the existing building as a landmark means that the developers can tear it down and start from scratch. If the building had been declared a landmark, they could have created a smaller mosque and community center there.

A partner in the project, SoHo Properties, bought the property for nearly \$5 million. Early plans call for a 13-story, \$100 million Islamic center.

Cordoba wants to transform the building into a glass tower with a swimming pool, basketball court, auditorium and culinary school besides the mosque. The center, called Park51, also would have a library, art studios and meditation rooms.

Landmarks Commissioner Stephen Byrns said the building's proximity to ground zero and the fact it was struck by airplane debris during the Sept. 11 attacks don't qualify it as a landmark.

"The debris field around ground zero was widespread, and one cannot designate hundreds of buildings on that criterion alone," Byrns said.

SoHo Properties CEO Sharif El-Gamal said he was "deeply grateful to the landmarks commission and to its staff."

Park51 spokesman Oz Sultan said there was no timeline for starting demolition or construction, adding the building phase was expected take 18 to 48 months.

"It's going to be something that fits in with the New York skyline," he said.

While landmarks commission members went over the existing building's architectural features such as cornices and colonnades, some in the audience of about 60 at Pace University in lower Manhattan held signs telegraphing their opposition.

Linda Rivera's sign read, "Don't glorify murders of 3,000. No 9/11 victory mosque." She cried after the board's vote.

"I lost 3,000 American



The owner of 45 Park Place, Sharif El-Gamal, left, hugs his lawyer Shelly Friedman, after the Landmarks Preservation Commission decided not to landmark his building, the site of a proposed mosque, in New York, Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010.

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brothers and sisters, including courageous policemen and firemen, and this is a betrayal," she said.

But Zead Ramadan, president of the board of the New York chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, said Islam is "a religion of peace and justice."

"The people here are trying to connect this vile attack on our nation to the religion Islam," he said, "though that exact act stands against everything that Islam stands for."



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Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., talks with reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010, before the Republican policy luncheon.

BIRTHRIGHT

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Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said Tuesday he supportsholdinghearings on the 14th Amendment right, although he emphasized that Washington's immigration focus should remain on border security.

His comments came as other Republicans in recent days have questioned or challenged birthright citizenship, embracing a cause that had largely been confined to the far right.

The senators include Arizona's John McCain, the party's 2008 presidential nominee; Arizona's Jon Kyl, the Republicans' second-ranking senator; Alabama's Jeff Sessions, the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee;



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and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, a leading negotiator on immigration legislation.

"I'm not sure exactly what the drafters of the (14th) amendment had in mind, but I doubt it was that somebody could fly in from Brazil and have a child and fly back home with that child, and that child is forever an American citizen," Sessions said.

Legal experts repealing the citizenship right can be done only through constitutional amendment, which would require approval by twothirds majorities in both chambers of Congress and by three-fourths of the states. Legislation to amend the right, introduced previously in the House of Representatives, has stalled.

The proposals are sure to appeal to conservative voters as immigration so far is playing a central role in November's elections. They also could carry risks alienating Hispanic and alarming voters moderates who could view constitutional challenges as extreme. Hispanics have become the largest minority group in the United States,

and many are highly driven by the illegal alien debate. McConnell and McCain seemed to recognize the risk by offering guarded statements Tuesday.

McCain, who faces a challenge from the right in his re-election bid, said he supports reviewing citizenship rights. He emphasized, however, that amending the Constitution is a serious matter.

"I believe that the Constitution is a strong, complete and carefully crafted document that has successfully governed our nation for centuries and any proposal to amend the Constitution should receive extensive and thoughtful consideration," he said.

At a press conference, that as of McConnell refused were 3.8 to endorse Graham's immigrants suggestion that citizenship whose chi rightsberepealed for children citizens.

of illegal immigrants. While refusing to take questions, he suggested instead that he would look narrowly into reports of businesses that help immigrants arrange to have babies in the United States in order to win their children U.S. citizenship.

The 14th Amendment, adopted in 1868 in the aftermath of the U.S. Civil War, granted citizenship to "all persons born or naturalized in the United States," including recently freed slaves.

An estimated 10.8 million illegal immigrants were living in the U.S. as of January 2009, according to the Homeland Security Department. The Pew Hispanic Center estimates that as of 2008, there were 3.8 million illegal immigrants in this country whose children are U.S. citizens.



Democratic Secretary of State Robin Carnahan stands in line to cast her ballot in the Missouri primary election Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010, in St. Louis. Carnahan is running for the open U.S. Senate seat being vacated by the retirement of Republican Sen. Kit Bond.

Associated Press

LIZ SIDOTI

AP National Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two-term Sen. Sam Brownback sailed to the Republican nomination in Kansas' gubernatorial race Tuesday while Robin Carnahan — a member of a famed Missouri political family — secured the Democratic spot on the November ballot in the state's U.S. Senate race.

Both outcomes were expected in what otherwise has been a

Brownback wins Kan. Rep nod; Carnahan tops in Mo.

primary season filled with unanticipated results as tea party conservative activists shook up races across the country and voters spurned candidates aligned with the Washington establishment and political parties.

Voters had no shortage of options in choosing party nominees Tuesday as they focused on successors to Republican senators in Kansas and Missouri and term-limited Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm. Five Republicans and two Democrats were vying to succeed Granholm in Michigan, a state reeling from the economic downturn. Three Democrats and nine Republicans were running in Missouri's Senate race, and four Republicans and five Democrats were competing for their party's Senate nominations in Kansas.

Ballots were even more crowded — with up to as many as nine candidates in some cases — in House races in all three states. Missouri also becomes the first state to the test the popularity of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul law. Voters will weigh in on a statewide ballot proposal on whether to reject the law's core mandate that most Americans have health insurance.

The legal effect is questionable, because federal laws generally supersede those in states. But its expected passage could send an ominous political message to Obama and the Democrats.



'Cold as ice' beer deliveryman kills 8, self

STEPHEN SINGER Associated Press Writer

M A N C H E S T E R, Connecticut (AP) — A driver caught stealing beer from the warehouse where he worked agreed to resign from his job Tuesday and then as "cold as ice," one of his victims said, went on a shooting rampage, killing eight people and injuring two before committing suicide.

Omar Thornton, 34, pulled a handgun after a meeting in which he had been offered the chance to quit or be fired. At the meeting, officials showed Thornton videotape evidence of the thefts, and he calmly agreed to quit, company vice president Steve Hollander told The Associated Press.

"Then he went out on this rampage," Hollander said. "He was cool and calm. He didn't yell. He was cold as ice. He didn't protest when we were meeting with him to show him the video of him stealing.

He didn't contest it. He didn't complain. He didn't argue. He didn't admit or deny anything. He just agreed to resign. And then he just unexplainably pulled out his gun and started blasting."

Hollander said he thinks Thornton had guns stashed in his lunch box. The executive said two people standing right near him were shot in the head and killed, but he was only grazed in the jaw and the arm.

"He shot at me twice and hit me a couple times. By just the grace of God, I don't know how he missed me," he said.

About 50 to 70 people were in the Hartford Distributors warehouse about 10 miles (16 kilometers) east of Hartford during a shift change when the gunman opened fire, said Brett Hollander, Steve Hollander's cousin and a member of the family that owns the distributorship.

"I was on the phone with 911 (police dispatchers) and then I saw him running outside of my office window, shooting

his gun, carrying his lunch box, which must have had his weapons in it," Steve Hollander said.

"It doesn't seem real to me now, it seems like I'm watching a movie."

The shooting was over in a matter of minutes. The victims were found all over the complex, and authorities said they didn't know if Thornton fired randomly or targeted specific co-workers. After shooting his co-workers, Thornton called his mother, said Joanne Hannah, the mother of Thornton's girlfriend.

"He wanted to say goodbye and that he loved everybody," she said.

Thornton was alive when police got to the scene but killed himself before officers got to him, Manchester Police Chief Marc Montminy said. A police sharpshooter had approval to fire on Thornton when he killed himself, an official with knowledge of the scene told the AP on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss it. State police found weapons in

state police found weapons in the suspect's car, Montminy said, without providing details.

Steve Hollander said Thornton killed "many good people today for absolutely no reason at all, people who've never said an unkind word to him. ... He was just shooting at anyone that was near him and just cruelty beyond cruelty."

Hannah said her daughter, Kristi, had dated Thornton for the past eight years. Kristi Hannah did not return calls for comment.

"Everybody's got a breaking point," Joanne Hannah said. Thornton, who was black, had complained of racial harassment and said he found a picture of a noose and a racial epithet written on a bathroom wall, Hannah said. Her daughter told her that Thornton's supervisors told him they would talk to his co-workers.

Brett Hollander said, "I can assure you there has never beenanyracial discrimination at our company." A union official said Thornton had not filed a complaint of racism with the union or any government agency.

"This is a disgruntled employee who shot a bunch of people," Teamsters official Christopher Roos said.

Among the dead was Bryan Cirigliano, 51, president of Teamsters 1035, according to the union. He had been Thornton's representative at Tuesday's disciplinary hearing, the union said.

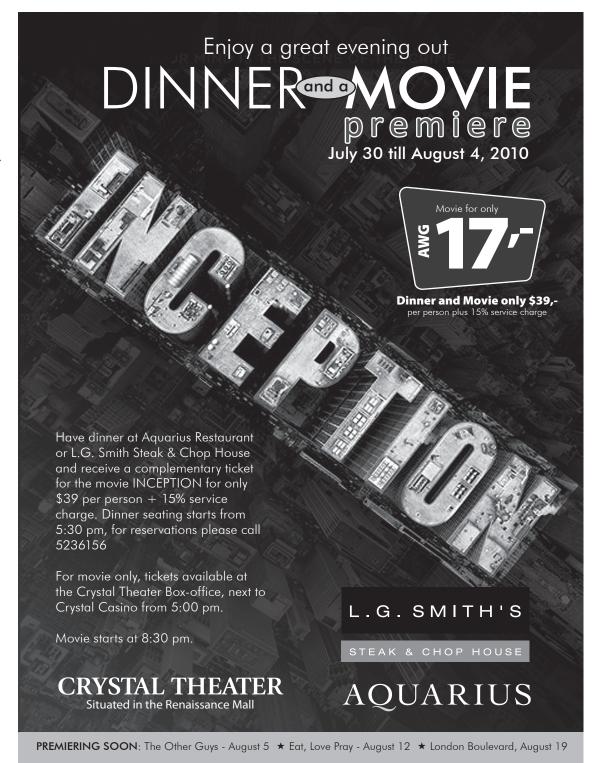
It was the nation's deadliest shooting since 13 people were killed at Fort Hood, Texas, in November. A



Police are seen moving in on Hartford Distributors, Inc., in Manchester, Conn., Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010. Authorities say several people have been shot at the beer distribution company in Connecticut. Police in other surrounding towns and state authorities have been called to the scene.

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Political killing stokes tensions in Pakistan city

ASHRAF KHAN

Associated Press Writer

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — The ruling party in Pakistan's largest city accused its main political rival of supporting Islamist militants suspected of assassinating a party leader, further stoking tensions Tuesday after 45 people died in a night of revenge attacks and arson.

The accusation appeared to reflect the complex and vicious political and ethnic faultlines that crisscross Karachi, also Pakistan's commercial hub and home to the main port for supplies to U.S. and NATO troops across the border in Afghanistan.

It has long been plagued by political violence between supporters of rival parties that draw votes from different

ethnic groups that live in the city of 16 million people. Their supporters are accused of running protection rackets and illegally seizing land, muddying the picture as to the reasons for the bloodshed.

The killing of politician Raza Haider was the most highprofile in a series of slayings of party activists over the last month

Pakistan's Interior Minister Rehman Malik was quoted by militants as saying Islamist militants were likely suspects, saving Haider was on an extremist hit list.

Haider was a senior member of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement, the party that runs Karachi and represents mainly descendants of Urduspeaking migrants from India who settled in Pakistan when



Pakistani para military troops gather near a vehicle set on fire by angry mob following the killing of a local leader of the Muttahida Quami Movement in Pakistan on Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010. Gunmen killed dozens of people in Pakistan's largest city after the assassination of a lawmaker, officials said Tuesday.

it was created in 1947.

The MOM's main rival is the Awami National Party, a nationalist party made up mostly of ethnic Pashtuns from the northwest, where the Taliban are based.

Pashtuns have been arriving in the city in greater numbers in recent years, fleeing Pakistan army offensives against the Taliban. The MQM has long spoken out against the alleged "Talibanization" of the city. While some militants have found safe haven here, critics say the MQM is exploiting the issue for political purposes.

"If you see the record of militants arrests in past years you would see almost all of them were in the Pashtundominated areas," Faisal Sabzwari, an MQM leader, told The Associated Press. "And for sure the ANP gives them support." The charge was repeated in a televised news conference by other MQM leaders.

A leading ANP politician dismissed the allegation, noting the party has been

repeatedly attacked by the Taliban in the northwest, where it supports the army offensives against them. "We share their (the MQM's) pain," said Mian Iftikhar Hussain, whose son was killed by insurgents last

Police promised to investigate the slaying, but few killers in such cases have ever been brought to justice, nor the motives for the attacks revealed

Within hours of Haider's assassination, rival gangs torched buildings in Karachi and gunfire erupted in several parts of the city. Many of the dead were killed in targeted, execution-style attacks, authorities said, without revealing details on who they were.

Schools were closed and most business stopped Tuesday as the city braced for further violence, but by nightfall there were no reports of fresh unrest.

The linking of the ANP and by extension the city's **Associated Press**

killing of Haider risks opening fresh fissures. Authorities are normally very cautious in what they say to the media follow political slavings out of fear of triggered revenge killings.

In the 1980s and 1990s, the city was regularly convulsed by violence in which hundreds were killed. MQM leader Altaf Husein fled to London in 1992 as a result of that bloodshed and was granted asylum. He regularly addresses large gatherings of supporters by telephone link.

An estimated 4 million Pashtuns are in Karachi, more than in the main northwestern city of Peshawar.

Many live in sprawling slums on the outskirts that are "nogo" areas for authorities.

Sharfuddin Memon, the head of the Citizens' Police Liaison Committee, speculated the killing of Haider and others may be related to a government operation against so-called "land mafias", which illegally occupy commercially valuable land often allegedly with the Pashtun population — to the backing of political parties.



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Mexico: 28,000 killed in drug violence since 2006

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President Three former presidents — Cesar Felipe Calderon said he would consider a debate on legalizing drugs Tuesday as his government announced that more than 28,000 people have been killed in drug violence since he launched a crackdown against cartels in 2006. Intelligence agency director Guillermo Valdes also said authorities have confiscated about 84,000 weapons and made total cash seizures of \$411 million in U.S. currency and \$26 million worth in pesos (330 million pesos).

Valdes released the statistics during a meeting with Calderon and representatives of business and civic groups, where attendees exploring ways to improve Mexico's anti-drug strategy called on the government to open a debate on legalization.

Calderon said he has taken note of the idea of legally regulating drugs in the past.

"It's a fundamental debate in which I think, first of all, you must allow a democratic plurality (of opinions)," he said. "You have to analyze carefully the pros and cons and the key arguments on both sides."

Gaviria of Colombia, Ernesto Zedillo of Mexico and Fernando Cardoso of Brazil — urged Latin American countries last year to consider legalizing marijuana to undermine a major source of income for cartels. And Mexico's congress also has debated the issue.

But Calderon has so far said he is opposed to the idea.

"I'm not talking just about marijuana," analyst and writer Hector Aguilar Camin said in proposing the debate Tuesday, "rather all drugs in general." The most recent official toll of the drug war dead came in mid-June, when the attorney general said 24,800 had died. Valdes did not specify a time frame for the new statistics.

The government does not regularly break down murder statistics, but leading newspapers who kept their own counts say last month was the deadliest yet under Calderon: According to national daily Milenio, 1,234 were killed in July.

The Mexican government says most victims were involved in the drug trade. Some attendees criticized the government for lacking consistent



A soldier stands on a military vehicle in front of the house where, according to Mexico's Defense Ministry, a top leader of the Sinaloa cartel, Ignacio Coronel Villareal, aka Nacho, was killed in Guadalajara, Mexico, Friday July 30, 2010. Soldiers killed Coronel on Thursday in a raid on his posh hideout, dealing the biggest blow yet to Mexico's most powerful drug gang since President Felipe Calderon launched a military offensive against organized crime in 2006.

Associated Press

statistics on the drug war and an effective way to communicate its successes. They also said the government needs to do more to combat the financial arm of organized crime.

"There's no systematic policy for

investigating or seizing the assets of organized crime," said Jose Luis Pineyro of Mexico's Autonomous Metropolitan University, "nor a system of locating the properties of organized crime."





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Israeli soldiers use a crane as they cut a tree next to the border

Lebanon, Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010. Lebanese and Israeli troops exchanged fire on the border in the most serious clashes since a fierce war four years ago, authorities

fence with Lebanon, near the southern village of Adaisseh,

A Lebanese officer spoke on condition of anonymity under military guidelines, said the clash occurred as Israeli troops tried to remove a tree from the Lebanese side of the border.

The Israeli military said the tree was in Israeli territory, despite being on the Lebanese side of the fence, because the fence does not match the border in all places.

Associated Press

Lebanon, Israel clash near border; at least four dead

BASSEM MROUE ZEINA KARAM

Associated Press Writer

ADEISSEH, Lebanon (AP) — Lebanese and Israeli troops exchanged fire Tuesday in a fierce border battle that killed a senior Israeli officer, two Lebanese soldiers and a journalist — underlining how easily tensions can re-ignite along the frontier where Israel and Hezbollah fought a war four years ago.

It was the worst fighting since 2006 in the area, where Israeli and Lebanese soldiers patrol shouting distance of each other, separated by the U.N.-drawn Blue Line boundary.

tank, helicopter and artillery strikes near this Lebanese town, but ended after several hours and there was no sign that either side was preparing to escalate.

The Shiite guerrilla force Hezbollah said it offered to help the Lebanese army but in the end did not get involved. "We told our brothers, control vourselves and don't do anything," Hezbollah leader Sheik Hassan Nasrallah in a televised speech.

But, he warned, his fighters would intervene if Israeli troops ever attack Lebanese forces again. "Any Israeli arm extended against the Lebanese military will be cut off by the resistance," said Nasrallah, whose arsenal is far more powerful than the Lebanese army's. Tuesday's violence stoked fears that have been brewing for months on both sides that a new conflict could come soon.

The U.N. Security Council urged "utmost restraint." U.S. State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said, "The last thing that we want to see is this incident expand into something more significant." Both the U.S. and the U.N. said they were working to determine the exact circumstances of the fight. Tuesday's clashes began after an Israeli soldier tried to remove a tree along the border. something the military has done in the past to improve its sightlines into Lebanon.

But both sides claimed the tree was in their territory. An Associated Press photo shows an Israeli standing on a crane reaching over the fence that Israel erected to separate the two countries. The fence, however, does not match the Blue Line in all places, and the Israeli military said in a statement that the tree was in Israeli territory.

"It was over the fence but still within Israeli territory," the military spokesman's office said. He said the tree cutting was coordinated with the U.N. peacekeeping force in south Lebanon, UNIFIL.

Israelis crossed onto Lebanese soil despite calls from the U.N. and Lebanon to stop. When the Israelis persisted, Lebanese troops opened fire with small arms and rocketpropelled grenades, it said in a statement.

> The Israeli forces responded with "machine guns and tank shells, targeting Lebanese army positions and civilian homes in the area," the Lebanese military said. It said two soldiers were killed and a third seriously wounded.

> Ronith Daher, 32, a Lebanese journalist who was at the scene, said she saw a UNIFIL peacekeeper ask Israel not to allow the Israeli soldier to cross the fence and warned them the Lebanese troops would open fire. A number of journalists had gathered at the site after getting word UNIFIL was trying to resolve the situation.

> Israel, however, accused Lebanon of provoking the fight. The Israeli military's northern commander, Maj. Gen. Gadi Eizenkot, said that while soldiers were removing bushes by the fence, Lebanese military snipers shot two officers who were more than 300 meters (yards) away.

> A lieutenant colonel was killed and a captain was critically wounded, the Israeli military said. Israel responded with infantry, tanks and artillery fire and later hit a Lebanese army base and command center with helicopter and artillery fire, Eizenkot said.

> "These are the first casualties in the past four years (in the border area). We view this very seriously and that is why we responded so severely," he told reporters.

> Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak also demanded that Lebanon and UNIFIL investigate the "murderous attack." Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed that Israel "will respond to any disturbance of the peace on the border and (attempts) to harm civilians and the soldiers protecting them."



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Ex-deputy: Wyclef Jean to run for Haiti president

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JONATHAN M. KATZ, Associated Press Writer PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti

(AP) — Singer Wyclef Jean is about to announce his candidacy for president of earthquake-ravaged Haiti, the former head of the country's Chamber of Deputies said Tuesday.

Former Deputy Pierre Eric Jean-Jacques told The Associated Press that the hip hop artist will run as part of his coalition in the Nov. 28 election.

Jean spokeswoman Cindy Tanenbaum declined to confirm the report. She said the singer planned to make an announcement Thursday night in Haiti but declined to say what it would be.

Jean-Jacques, who will be seeking to return to the Chamber of Deputies in the election, said he will be a candidate for a new coalition that calls itself Ansanm Nou Fo, which translates as "together we are strong" in Creole.

"Yes, we have an agreement (with Jean). But he's the one who has to announce it first," Jean-Jacques told AP, declining to elaborate on their political plans.

Jean is popular in Haiti for his music and for his work through his charity Yele Haiti, which raised millions of dolars after the Jan. 12 earthquake that killed an estimated 300,000 people and knocked down most of the government ministries and many of the homes in the capital.

Rumors have swirled for months that Jean would run for president. The singer has always been careful not to rule out a run for the office and recorded a song "If I was President."

The 37-year-old was born outside Port-au-Prince but left as a child and grew up in Brooklyn.

Dozens of candidates are expected to compete for the presidency in the Nov. 28 election, among them Jean's uncle Raymond Joseph, who is Haiti's ambassador in Washington. Other likely candidates include former prime ministers, mayors and another popular Haitian musician, Michel "Sweet Micky" Martelly.

All must register their candidancies with the country's electoral council by Saturday. The electoral council's director of registration, Jean-Marie Lumier, said Tuesday he had not received papers for Jean's bid.

Questions surround Jean's qualifications for office. He must prove he has resided in

Haiti for five consecutive years, own property in the country and have no other citizenship but Haitian. Officials have disqualified some candidates on technicalities while allowing others to run.

In 2007, the singer was named an official Haitian ambassadorat-large by President Rene Preval, whom Jean supported in his 2006 re-election bid. Preval has served two nonconsecutive terms and is barred by the constitution from seeking office again.

In recent weeks Jean's Twitter feed has been awash with original and re-tweeted demands for transparent elections, proposals for reducing Haiti's chronic poverty and calls to defend camps of the estimated 1.6 million people made homeless by the quake from forced eviction.

Reaction to his possible candidacy has been divided as Haitians debate the pluses and minues of his inexperience. The musician has a strikingly different profile than the generals, technocrats and priests who have led it before, speaking little French and Haitian Creole with a diaspora accent.



Recording artist Wylclef Jean, left, is interviewed by host Stuart Varney on the "Varney & Company" program on the Fox Business Network, in New York Friday, July 23, 2010.

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American Idol dumps Sony label for Universal



Jennifer Lopez attends the 2010 Apollo Theater Spring Benefit Concert & Awards Ceremony at The Apollo Theater in New York, June 14, 2010.

REUTERS/Natalie Behring

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Entertainment mogul Simon Fuller's 19 Management said on Tuesday it signed up Universal Music Group as the label for artists in future seasons of its hit TV show, American Idol, unceremoniously dumping its Sony Music partner of the last nine seasons.

The new deal will see Universal market and distribute albums from American Idol finalists and winning contestants starting from the 10th season, the first one without acerbic judge Simon Cowell.

Universal, the world's largest music company, which is owned by French media and telecommunications group Vivendi SA, will distribute the music on its Interscope Geffen A&M label.

The announcement is the first major deal for Universal Music under the stewardship of new chief executive Lucian Grainge. The deal is expected to be for a minimum of three seasons, according to a person familiar with the situation.

The American Idol franchise has had some of the highest ratings on U.S. television

since it began in 2001. It has also been very successful in churning out hit records by up and coming artists who find fame on the show.

The TV show had guaranteed Sony Music's RCA label a steady string of hits from top artists such as Kelly Clarkson and Carrie Underwood. 19 Entertainment said American Idol has sold over 100 million music units in North America. With a lucrative contract being shopped around to different labels, speculation mounted the winning label would pay an upfront fee of up to \$100 million to secure a deal.

But the person familiar with the terms said no money exchanged hands upfront and instead cash would be paid as advances per artist album.

More recently, the American Idol show has started to lose some of its magic and the latest season saw a marked drop in viewers, which invariably correlates with lower music sales.

Fuller will be hoping Universal's dominant market power, with over a third of the North American market, will help drive sales through both

MACANDREWS traditional and new outlets such as mobile phones.

"I wanted to inject some new power and weight behind our brand," said Fuller in a statement. "We have been quietly delivering hits relentlessly for 9 seasons and LucianGraingeand(Interscope chairman) Jimmy Iovine's ambition, commitment, and determination to push the boundaries and go even



FILE - In this June 4, 2010 file photo, singer Justin Bieber appears on the NBC 'Today' television program in New York.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew, file)

Justin Bieber set to star in a film about his life

LOS ANGELES – Justin Bieber is adding movie star to his resume.

Paramount Pictures, MTV Films and Bieber's record label, Island Def Jam, say the 16-year-old pop star has signed on to appear in a feature film about his life and career.

The yet-to-be-titled movie is set for release on "Valentine's weekend" of 2011, the companies said Tuesday.

Bieber will also be producing the film, along with mentor Usher, manager Scooter Braun and Island Def Jam Music Group chairman LA Reid.

The movie will offer a "VIP backstage pass" into Bieber's life and will feature 3-D footage from his "My World 2.0" concert tour.

The ubiquitous teen sensation is also bringing his life to readers: HarperCollins announced Monday that it will publish his memoir in October.

further with Idol was very compelling."

Universal for its part is already hoping to rekindle new interest in the show by involving more of its current artists to work closely with the Idol brand next season. For instance performing duets with the contestants. The label is also hoping to bring some of the new artists to its other properties such as online music video site Vevo.

Bobby Hebb of `Sunny' fame dead at age 72

By JOE EDWARDS,

Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Bobby Hebb, whose 1966 pop music classic "Sunny" described a sincere smile from a woman that lifted the singer's burdens, died Tuesday. He was 72.

Family members and a funeral home spokeswoman said Hebb died at Centennial Medical Center. Friends said he had lung cancer.

"Sunny" also was recorded by many other singers, including Marvin Gaye, Wilson Pickett and Jose Feliciano.

The song's key lines:

"Sunny, yesterday my life was filled with rain.

"Sunny, you smiled at me and really eased the pain.

"The dark days are gone and the bright days are here.

"My sunny one shines so sincere.

"Sunny one so true, I love you."

Hebb had said in several interviews that he wrote "Sunny" in response to the slaying of his brother outside a Nashville nightclub and to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy a few days before.

On his 69th birthday in 2007, he recalled that he was living and performing in New York City at the time he wrote the song.

"I was intoxicated," Hebb told The Associated Press. "I came home and started playing the guitar. I looked up and saw what looked like a purple sky. I started writing because I'd never seen that before."

He included the song in his act at a bar called Brandy's and the audience liked it.

After a Japanese artist had a hit with the song in Asia and vibraphone player Dave Pike recorded it in the United States, Hebb recorded the vocal at Bell Sound in New York.

At the height of "Sunny" popularity, Hebb toured with the Beatles.

In a 2004 interview with The Tennessean newspaper, Hebb recalled that all four Beatles were nice.

"John (Lennon) and George (Harrison) were very quiet," he said. "But Ringo (Starr) and Paul (McCartney) were more active and easier to get to know. It was just something to be with those cats."

In 1971, Lou Rawls won a Grammy award for "A Natural Man," written by Hebb and Sandy Baron. In 2004, Broadcast Music Incorporated honored Hebb for 6 million airings of "Sunny."

As recently as 2007, Hebb was still writing songs and had his own publishing company and record label, Hebb Cats. Hebb was born to blind parents and raised in Nashville. He joined the Navy in 1955 where he played the trumpet in a

jazz band. In the 1950s Hebb also played and danced with Roy Acuff's country band, the Smoky Mountain Boys, and became one of the first black musicians to perform on the Grand Ole Opry show in Nashville.

Funeral services were pending. Survivors include a daughter and four sisters.



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Higher GM and Ford sales point to steady recovery



Ford vehicle sit in a sales lot in Scottsdale, Arizona, June 2, 2009.

**REUTERS/Joshua Lott

By Soyoung

DETROIT (Reuters) – U.S. auto sales ticked higher in July in an uneven recovery that left Toyota Motor Co (7203.T) and Honda Motor Co (7267.T) sputtering with declines from strong year-earlier results.

By contrast, the two U.S. automakers run through g o v e r n m e n t - f u n d e d bankruptcies last summer, General Motors Co (GM.UL) and Chrysler, posted sales gains of 5 percent each.

Ford Motor Co (F.N) only kept pace with a 5 percent gain excluding results for its now-sold Volvo brand, disappointing investors who had hoped for an outsized gain for the only U.S. automaker to have avoided a bailout.

Including Volvo, Ford's sales were up 3 percent.

Shares of Ford slipped in reaction to the sales results and were down 1.8 percent in afternoon trading on Tuesday. Estimates for the annualized rate of sales in July were still preliminary but the tally appeared to have fallen short of more optimistic forecasts of analysts that would have made the month the strongest since last August when the market saw a sales surge driven by U.S. government trade-in incentives.

ottsdale, Arizona, June 2, 2009.

REUTERS/Joshua Lott

"I would describe the results as relatively close to expectations,

maybe a little bit weaker than what we had expected," said Paul Ballew, chief economist at U.S. insurer Nationwide in Columbus, Ohio. "We're dealing with a soft

"We're dealing with a soft economic recovery so we are certainly not seeing sales sprint ahead by any stretch of the imagination," he said.

WINNERS AND LOSERS

The biggest winners in a month marked by a gradual return in consumer demand were Korea's Hyundai Motor Co (005380.KS), which posted a sales gain of 19 percent and said it was increasing production to meet demand, and Nissan Motor Co (7201. T), where sales were up 15 percent.

Toyota, which had been a major beneficiary of the U.S. government's cash-for-clunkers sales incentive that began in the last week of July 2009, saw sales slip 3 percent.

It was the first sales drop for Toyota since February when it had stopped sales of popular models because of a series of safety recalls that rocked its reputation for quality in its largest market.

Sales for Honda were off 2 percent, the automaker's first

sales decline since January.

Auto executives said the industrywide sales result for July eased concern that the U.S. economy could be tipping back toward recession after weaker-than-expected June auto sales.

"In June, you had the feeling that maybe the industry wasn't out of the woods, and there was a lot of talk of a double dip. But June really seems to have been a blip," said Al Castignetti, head of Nissan brand sales in the U.S. market.

The stronger auto sales for July came as indicators for U.S. consumer spending and incomes for June were flat, data which economists said pointed toward a still-anemic recovery.

GM said its results underscored the progress it has made as a smaller company by reducing costly sales incentives and building momentum with a more balanced line-up.

GM's sales figures are expected to represent the last monthly sales update from the top-selling U.S. automaker before it files for a stock offering. The IPO is expected to reduce the U.S. government's GM ownership stake of 61 percent.

Sales of GM's four remaining brands -- Chevrolet, Cadillac, GMC and Buick -- were up almost 25 percent in July, a far larger gain than its overall 5 percent increase.

GM said it was keeping its forecast for full-year industrywide U.S. sales unchanged at 11.5 million to 12 million vehicles at the start of the second half.

"I think it doesn't show we'll have incredible strength but it shows the recovery is still on track," said GM's U.S. sales chief, Don Johnson.



In this Aug, 2, 2010 photo, traders Luke Dalton, left, and Robert Arcero work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Stock futures are trading in a tight range Tuesday, Aug. 3, as investors paused following a big start to August.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Stocks fall after weak earnings, economic reports

By STEPHEN BERNARD and DAVE CARPENTER,

AP Business Writers

NEW YORK – The stock market put its big rally on hold Tuesday after disappointing earnings and economic reports reminded investors of the obstacles still facing the economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 38 points after rising 208 Monday on brighter economic news. All the major indexes fell moderately.

Investors were unhappy with just about every major earnings or economic report Tuesday. Procter & Gamble Co. and Dow Chemical Co. reported earnings and revenue that fell short of forecasts. Consumer spending and income figures showed that people are still very cautious with their money. Factory orders fell in June, as did the number of homes that were under contract to be sold.

The stream of bad news reminded for investors the fact that the recovery is going to be bumpy and slow. So, following what has become the market's pattern of recent months, they gave back some of Monday's big gain, which was due in part to manufacturing news that was better than expected. Trading has been erratic since the spring amid the conflicting signals about the recovery, and many traders are quick to cash in any profits. Traders are also uneasy ahead of the Labor Department's July employment report due out Friday. Consumers are not expected to significantly increase their spending until they feel more secure about their jobs.

Dan Cook, a Chicago-based senior market analyst with the brokerage firm IG Markets, said many traders stayed out of the market while they waited for the employment report.

"These severely choppy markets are scaring individual investors," he said. "There's no way we can get them back in the game without getting the employment numbers up."

Investors are also uneasy about two other labor market reports this week. The payroll company ADP on Wednesday will release its count of the number of jobs created or lost at private employers in July. And on Thursday, the Labor Department issues its weekly report on the number of laid-off workers who filed for unemployment benefits for the first time.

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Heat visit Celtics in NBA opener, LA at Christmas

BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Miami Heat will debut their All-Star trio of Dwyane Wade, LeBron James and Chris Bosh at Boston on the opening night of the NBA season against the defending Eastern Conference champion Celtics, who are led by their veteran group of Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen.

The Los Angeles Lakers will host Houston in the other opener on Oct. 26, the NBA announced Tuesday. The Houston Rockets hope to have Yao Ming back in the lineup after he missed last season with a foot injury.

The Christmas schedule will again feature five games, highlighted by the return of the Heat-Lakers matchup that was regularly played Dec. 25 after Los Angeles traded



From left, Chris Bosh, Dwyane Wade and Lebron James, enter the stage during a fan event at the American Airlines Arena in Miami Friday, July 9, 2010. With 13,000 fans chanting "Yes We Did!" amid an atmosphere more suited to an awards show or rock concert than a basketball game, the Miami Heat welcomed the NBA's newest trio of superstars Friday night for a celebration unlike just about any other in team history.

Associated Press

Shaquille O'Neal to Miami in 2004.

Boston will visit Orlando at Christmas for a rematch of the East finals. The remainder of that day's schedule includes Chicago at New York, Denver at Oklahoma City, and Portland at Golden State.

The full NBA schedule will

be released Aug. 10, but the league unveiled its nationally televised games for the opening week of the season, Christmas and Martin Luther King Jr. Days during an NBA TV special on Tuesday.

There was more heightened interest in the schedule this season because of the attention on the Heat, who got James and Bosh to join Wade last month. James' return to Cleveland, surely to be a spectacle because of Cavaliers fans' anger over the Ohio native's departure, did not land on one of the marquee dates.

Orlando gets two high-profile games in the first four days of the season. The Magic host No. 1 overall pick John Wall and Washington on Oct. 28 to open their new Amway Center, then travel to Miami the next night for the first of four meetings with their state and Southeast Division rival Heat.

The Magic and Celtics will meet again on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The Lakers will host the Thunder, who took them to six tough games last season in the first round, later that night.

Gatlin wins 100m comeback



finish line to win the men's 100-meters final, with Estonia's Asko Anipai, left, US sprinters J-Mee Samuels second left, and Rubin Williams, right, during The Bigbank Kuldliiga meeting Outdoor Track & Field Event in the northeastern town of Rakvere, about 62 miles from Tallinn, Estonia, Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010.

Associated Press

JARI TANNER

Associated Press Writer

RAKVERE, Estonia (AP) — Justin Gatlin won a 100-meter race in 10.24 seconds Tuesday in his first competition after a four-year doping ban.

Gatlin's time at the small Bigbank Kuldliiga meet in Rakvere, northeastern Estonia, was nearly 0.4 seconds off the pace that made him Olympic champion in 2004.

The 28-year-old American sprinter finished .07 seconds ahead of countryman J-Mee Samuels, while Rubin Williams, also of the United States, was third in 10.54.

"I felt good, I felt alive," Gatlin

told The Associated Press. "I'm a little disappointed in the time. I run half the race just kind of cycling through it.

"But I think this a good comeback, to get my feet wet, and I hope going into the next races will be bigger and better."

Gatlin won his qualifying heat earlier Tuesday in 10.34.

None of the other competitors at the meet had a personal best below 10 seconds.

Gatlin won gold in the 100 at the 2004 Athens Olympics in 9.85. He won the 100 and 200 at the 2005 world championships in Helsinki, but was banned from the sport after testing positive in April 2006 for excessive testosterone. The ban ended last month. Gatlin, who is aiming for the 2012 London Olympics, is set to compete again Sunday in Tallinn, the Estonian capital

Netherlands, Spain fined for WCup final behavior

ZURICH (AP) — The Netherlands and Spain have been fined by FIFA for their players' poor discipline in a badtempered World Cup final.

FIFA said Tuesday the Dutch federation must pay 15,000 Swiss francs (\$14,480; €10,900) after eight different players received yellow cards, and defender John Heitinga was booked a second time and sent off.

English referee Howard Webb showed five yellow cards to Spain, getting its federation a 10,000 Swiss francs (\$9,650; €7,300) fine.

FIFA's disciplinary code has a clause on team misconduct calling for a federation to be fined when at least five of its players are sanctioned in a match.

Spain won 1-0 in the July 11 final in Johannesburg, on Andres Iniesta's extra-time goal after the Netherlands were reduced to 10 players.



Teammate: Favre texted players saying he's done

JON KRAWCZYNSKI AP Sports Writer

MANKATO, Minnesota (AP)
— A Minnesota Vikings
player said Tuesday that
Brett Favre has texted his
teammates and told them he
plans to retire.

Tight end Visanthe Shiancoe said he learned of the messages by talking to several teammates, though he had not received any direct messages from Favre.

"He told a couple guys on our team he's going to retire," Shiancoe said after practice Tuesday evening. "He hasn't told me, but I'm going to check my phone." Earlier Tuesday, a person knowledge with the situation told The Associated Press that Favre has informed the Vikings he won't return for a second season. The person said Favre called coach Brad Childress and texted some players and team officials to say his injured left ankle is not responding as well to surgery and rehabilitation as he had hoped. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because no official announcements were made.

Childress said Favre had not told him directly that he plans to retire as of Tuesday morning. The coach would not confirm Favre's status with the team, calling it a "fluid situation," and he was unavailable for comment after the evening practice. Owner Zygi Wilf declined to comment.

"I'm not a big hearsay person," Childress said. "I gotta hear it from the horse's mouth."

As always with the 40-yearold star quarterback, things could change. Favre and his agent, Bus Cook, did not return messages from the AP. "I plead the fifth on everything," defensive end Jared Allen said. "I love Brett and he reserves the right to do what he wants to do. We obviously love him as a teammate. We'd like to have him back. But until it's official, I'll believe it when I see it."

True enough. With Favre, nothing ever seems final. He told the Vikings last year he wouldn't play, but changed his mind and joined them immediately after they broke training camp. Childress even drove to the airport to pick him up for his 19th NFL season. Camp this year ends on Aug. 12. Star running back Adrian

Star running back Adrian Peterson said he still hopes that Favre will be handing him the ball in the season opener on Sept. 6 in New Orleans. Peterson said he exchanged text messages with Favre on Tuesday but declined to give details.

"I'm still up in the air like you guys trying to figure out what's going to happen," Peterson said. "I'm sure he'll make the best decision for him."

Every Minnesota player asked about Favre reacted with hesitation after three years of answering questions about Favre's future.

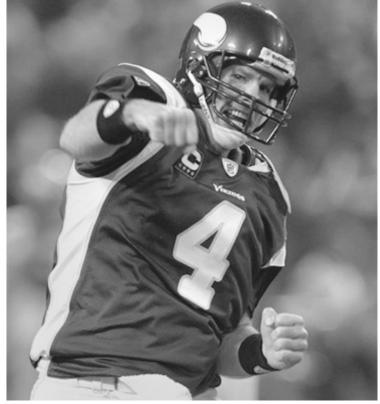
"It's always back and forth with Brett," said quarterback Tarvaris Jackson, in line to get the starting job if Favre is gone. "It's his decision. He deserves the opportunity to decide when he's going to retire or not, whether he wants to retire or not. It's up to him. Right now, I'm just trying to focus on getting better."

Favre has considered retiring every summer since 2002. It led to an ugly parting with the Packers

that got him traded from Green Bay to the Jets in 2008. After a so-so season in New York, he announced his retirement in early 2009 for the second time, then reconsidered and signed with the Vikings.

He had one of his best seasons last year, with career bests in completion percentage (68.4), quarterback rating (107.2) and fewest interceptions (7), while throwing for 33 TDs and 4,202 yards to lead the Vikings to an NFC North title. He hurt his left ankle in the NFC championship loss to the New Orleans Saints and had arthroscopic surgery in May.

Favre was under contract for \$13 million this season, but only if he plays.



This Jan. 17, 2010, file photo shows Minnesota Vikings' Brett Favre (4) celebrating after throwing a 47-yard touchdown pass to Sidney Rice during the first half of an NFL divisional playoff football game against the Dallas Cowboys, in Minneapolis.

Associated Press







Milwaukee Brewers' Prince Fielder, right, watches his sharp single off Chicago Cubs starting pitcher Randy Wells during the fourth inning of a baseball game and 18-1 win over the Cubs Monday, Aug. 2, 2010 at Wrigley Field in Chicago. Watching on the play is catcher Geovany Soto. Fielder went 5 for 7 with five RBI's and scoring twice.

Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Prince Fielder drove in five runs and had five of Milwaukee's season-high 26 hits and Yovani Gallardo equaled a seasonhigh with 12 strikeouts as the Brewers pounded Chicago 18-1 on Monday night.

The Cubs tied a franchise record for hits allowed, matching Sept. 2, 1957, when they lost to the Milwaukee Braves. After scoring two runs in a three-game series against

Houston, the Brewers broke out against an overmatched pitching staff.

Ryan Braun also had five hits for Milwaukee, which snapped a five-game losing streak. Casey McGhee had a three-run homer and Fielder had a three-run double.

Corey Hart finished with four hits for the Brewers.

Gallardo (10-5) allowed one run and two hits over six innings.

NL Roundup

Brewers get 26 hits in 18-1 win over Cubs

The Cubs have lost a season- Chris Johnson's bases-loaded high six straight and have been outscored 62-17 in that span. Chicago finished with four hits, all doubles.

At St. Louis, Jeff Keppinger had two hits and four RBIs, including a key hit during a go-ahead three-run eighth inning, as Houston won its sixth straight and spoiled Jake Westbrook's St. Louis.

Albert Pujols homered for the third straight game and Westbrook worked six strong innings for St. Louis, which lost for only the second time in 13 home games. The Cardinals have lost four straight at home to Houston, falling a halfgame behind Cincinnati in the NL Central.

Keppinger's RBI double off Mike MacDougal (1-1) tied it at 4 and Carlos Lee scored the go-ahead run by beating a wide throw home from second baseman Skip Schumaker on

chopper.

Nelson Figueroa (3-1) allowed an RBI double by Felipe Lopez that put the Cardinals ahead 4-2 in the seventh.

Westbrook, acquired in a three-way deal last week, had seven strikeouts, one off his season high.

At Pittsburgh, rookie Travis Wood allowed two singles over seven innings and fill-in first baseman Miguel Cairo drove in two runs for Cincinnati in a 4-0 victory over Pittsburgh on Monday night.

Russ Springer, the 41-yearold right-hander brought up from the minors earlier in the day, and Arthur Rhodes, the 40-year-old first-time All-Star, pitched an inning each to complete the combined threehitter — Cincinnati's seventh shutout and fifth victory in six games. The Pirates, on track for their record-extending

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consecutive season and their first 100-loss season since 2001, have been outscored 34-5 while losing their last five.

Wood (2-1) had made only six previous career starts, winning once.

Cairo, filling in for NL RBIs leader Joey Votto, who sat out with a sprained right wrist, had a sacrifice fly in the fourth.

Russ Ohlendorf (1-9) walked four and hit a batter over five innings.

At Atlanta, Tim Hudson pitched six solid innings and Rick Ankiel drove in two runs with his first hit for the Braves.

Ankiel's two-out, two-run single came in a three-run first inning.

Chipper Jones added a solo home run in the seventh for the Braves, who had lost five of seven and two straight.

The Mets lost their second straight and 10th in 14, and have won only six of their last 23 games.

Hudson (12-5) allowed six hits, one run, walked three and struck out three.

Johan Santana (8-6) gave up nine hits, four runs, walked two and had a season-high 11 strikeouts in seven innings.

Billy Wagner pitched a scoreless ninth to earn his 25th save in 30 opportunities. Nationals 3, Diamondbacks 1 At Phoenix, Adam Dunn hit his 26th homer and Livan Hernandez baffled hitters into the eighth inning for Washington.

Ivan Rodriguez became the fifth catcher to hit 300 homers with a solo shot off Rodrigo Lopez (5-10) in the second, and Dunn hit another into the swimming pool in right-center the next inning.

In other NL games it was Cincinnati 4, Pittsburgh 0; Atlanta 4, N.Y. Mets 1; Milwaukee 18, Chicago Cubs 1: Houston 9, St. Louis 4; Washington 3, Arizona 1; and San Diego 10, L.A. Dodgers 5.







AL Roundup

Rays' Jeremy Hellickson wins major-league debut

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida start Tuesday. (AP) — Jeremy Hellickson won his major league debut and Matt Joyce drove in a pair of runs as the Tampa Bay Rays beat Minnesota 4-2 on Monday night to end the Twins' eightgame winning streak.

Hellickson (1-0) allowed two runs and three hits in seven innings, helping the Rays win for the ninth time in the last 10 games. Dan Wheeler got the final two outs for his third save.

Jason Kubel homered and had two RBIs for the Twins, while Carl Pavano (13-7) gave up four runs and nine hits over six innings. He had been 8-0 in his previous 10 starts.

Twins catcher Joe Mauer was out of the lineup for the second straight game after receiving a cortisone shot in his right shoulder on Saturday. The reigning American League MVP, dealing with tendinitis since he took a foul tip off the shoulder last month, could

Indians 6, Red Sox 5

At Boston, Fausto Carmona rebounded from his worst start of the season with seven solid innings, and Shelley Duncan had a career-high four hits to lift the Indians.

The victory proved costly, though. Cleveland catcher Carlos Santana was taken off the field on a stretcher with his left leg in an air cast after blocking home in the seventh inning.

Carmona (11-8) allowed only two runs and eight hits, and Chris Gomez worked the ninth for his 13th save as the Indians won their third straight road

Adrian Beltre hit two homers and drove in five runs for Boston, which lost first baseman Kevin Youkilis to injury. John Lackey (10-6) took the loss.

Blue Jays 8, Yankees 6

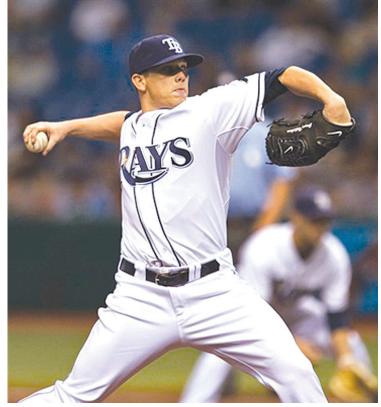
At New York, Travis Snider hit two of an AL record-equaling

six doubles in a seven-run fifth inning, and the Blue Jays prolonged Alex Rodriguez's search for his 600th homer.

Snider began the barrage of doubles with a leadoff hit against A.J. Burnett (9-9) and finished it with a drive off Sergio Mitre. In between, Fred Lewis, Jose Bautista, Vernon Wells and Aaron Hill also had doubles to match the Washington Senators, who had six against the Boston Red Sox on June 9, 1934, and the Texas Rangers on July 31, 2002, against the Yankees.

The Yankees rallied from an 8-2 deficit but fell into a share of first place in the AL East with Tampa Bay, which beat the Minnesota Twins 4-2. New York dropped two of three games this weekend against the Rays. The Yankees had been alone in first since

Morrow (8-6) won his third straight start, and Kevin Gregg earned his 24th save.



Tampa Bay Rays starter Jeremy Hellickson pitches against the Minnesota Twins during the fourth inning of a baseball game Monday, Aug. 2, 2010, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Associated Press

Athletics 6, Royals 0

At Oakland, Trevor Cahill threw a three-hitter for his first complete game and Rajai Davis hit a two-run homer as the Athletics ended the Royals' three-game winning streak.

Watson, Matt Kouzmanoff and Coco Crisp also drove in runs for the A's, who won their fifth game of the last six played at home. Cahill (11-4) recorded the A's third consecutive complete game by scattering four walks and striking out three.

Mitch Maier, Wilson Betemit

and Chris Getz collected the only hits for the Royals, who were shut out for the first time since July 4 and the fifth time overall.

Royals' starter Brian Bannister (7-11) lost his sixth straight Kevin decision and is winless since June 23. He allowed five runs on seven hits, walking four and striking out four.

> In other AL games it was Toronto 8, N.Y. Yankees 6: Cleveland 6. Boston 5: Tampa Bay 4, Minnesota 2; and Oakland 6, Kansas City $0.\Box$

Tour champion Contador wins Castillon criterium

CASTILLON-LA-BATAILLE, France (AP) — Three-time Tour de France champion Alberto Contador of Spain won the Castillonla-Bataille criterium race on Tuesday by beating Sylvain Chavanel of France in a sprint finish.

Chavanel won two stages at the Tour this year. Tuesday's field also included other Tour stage winners like Alexandre Vinokourov of Kazakhstan — Contador's Astana teammate — and French rider Thomas Voeckler.

Riders completed 30 laps of a 3.2-kilometer (1.9-mile) circuit that featured 1.5 kilometers (0.93 miles) of The 27-year-old Contador will leave Astana and ride for Bjarne Riis' Saxo Bank-SunGard team next year.

Riis said Tuesday that Contador has signed for two seasons. Contador also won the Tour in 2007 and '09.

Spanish cyclist for the Astana team, Alberto Contador crosses the finish line to win the Criterium International de Castillon cycling classic Castillon-la-Bataille, southwestern France, Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010. Three-time winner of the Tour de France, Contador, has decided to join Bjarne Riis's Team Saxo Bank on a two-year deal.







A-Rod's quest for 600HRs approaches 2 weeks

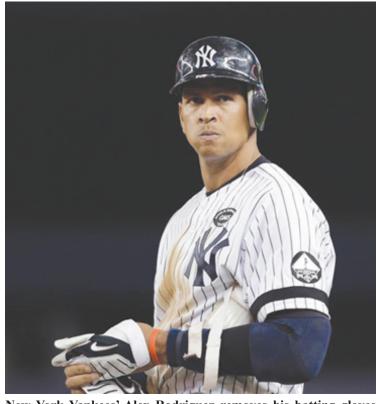
HOWIE RUMBERG **AP Sports Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — The numbers on the specially marked balls for Alex Rodriguez's at-bats must be getting up there — perhaps close to say 600.

The Yankees slugger's quest — and by now it is one — for membership in the exclusive 600-homer club extended into its 11th game Monday with an 0-for-5 night against the Toronto Blue Jays.

"I thought I swung the bat better today. I had some pretty good pitches to hit," Rodriguez said after the Yankees' 8-6 loss. "The difference between 0 for 5 and 2 for 5 is small."

A-Rod's drive to become the youngest player and seventh overall to reach the milestone began after he



New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez removes his batting gloves after grounding out for the third out in the bottom of the eighth inning in the Yankees' baseball game against the Toronto Blue Jays at Yankee Stadium on Monday, Aug. 2, 2010, in New York

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reliever Robinson Tejeda on July 22 and has gone on for 48 plate appearances against four teams in three cities.

He's hitless in his last 14 atbats and is 9 for 43 overall with eight RBIs during the drought. The closest he has come to the homer is a couple of long fly balls that were caught in front of the warning track.

Most of the 47,034 fans remained in their seats Monday for one more chance to see him bat in the ninth, and they got it. But Rodriguez grounded to shortstop against Kevin Gregg to end the game.

"The way I'm swinging, it's probably going to take a while. Everybody get comfortable," Rodriguez said, smiling on Sunday.

Rodriguez began the search for 600 by saying that he isn't going to feel the pressure the same way he did when he was going for No. 500 in 2007, a wait of 10 days and 28 at-bats. He even playfully checked out the marked balls that are switched in before he steps to the plate in one of his first at-bats, way back on July

His manager says Rodriguez can't possibly ignore the significance of the pending homer.

"With the flashbulbs going off all the time and changing the ball, I don't know how you don't think about it," Joe Girardi said.

Nearly a week past his 35th birthday, the three-time MVP appeared loose before Monday's game, hitting many balls over the wall in batting practice, including a rare shot that banged off the black glass of a sports bar in center field — way beyond the 408-foot sign and above monument park.

homered off Kansas City While Rodriguez needed 41 at-bats to hit his first homer this season and has just 16 home runs this year, a stretch like this while approaching 600 is unusual. Babe Ruth separated 599 and 600 with one at-bat, Hank Aaron two. Barry Bonds' spell was eight, Sammy Sosa's was 13 and Ken Griffey Jr.'s 17, according to STATS LLC. Willie Mays went 21 homerless at-bats before his milestone shot.

> Girardi said he hasn't seen frustration growing, but he did keep his cleanup hitter out of the starting lineup against Tampa Bay on Sunday. Rodriguez struck out looking as a pinch-hitter in his lone at-bat.

> "Nothing told me that he didn't have good at-bats or wasn't being patient," Girardi said Monday. "He just didn't get any hits."

In his first game back at Yankee Stadium after a fruitless seven-game road trip to Tampa Bay and Cleveland, Rodriguez was greeted with loud cheers. But fans only in seats beyond the walls in right and left field are standing now with every pitch.

Thousands of camera flashes still burst in a brilliant sparkle with each pitch — think of all the wasted photos — and fans roared when the count turned to Rodriguez's favor in the third. The groans were just as loud when he struck out.

Rodriguez joked that he doesn't notice the flashes. saying, "I'm used to it; it's been about a month."

Morrow said he noticed the flashes once, but it would be a lot easier to forget that being part of history was one pitch away if it wasn't stamped on the baseballs.

"It's a lot easier to put it out of your mind if they didn't give you a new ball everytime he was up," he said.

PGA Tour moves closer to designating must-play events

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — A proposal that would require PGA Tour members to compete in certain tournaments passed its first test and is on track to be adopted before the end of the Fall Series.

In an effort to bolster tournaments that typically get weak fields, the concept is to designate a small number of events and demand players choose one to play. The policy board approved the idea at a meeting last week in West Virginia, which was the first step.

"Because it's a tournament regulation, it has to be passed twice," PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said. "It was preliminarily approved in concept. Now we go back to the PAC (Players Advisory Council) and work through the details, get some player input and bring it back to the fall meeting.'

Finchem said he was "positively inclined" that it ultimately would be adopted.

What remains are the details, starting with how many tournaments would be designated and which players would be required to play.

The tour could use the FedEx Cup standings, money list or even the world ranking from a previous year to determine who it affects.

It would be the closest thing the tour has had to mandatory participation, although it falls short of the "1-in-4" concept of the LPGA Tour in which players must compete in every tournament at least once over a four-year

Finchem has said he would want the policy adopted by around September, which would give the tour the rest of the year to explain and educate players on the plan.

Another proposal that appears to have stalled — at least for now — is expanding the field at the season-opening SBS Championship at Kapalua, traditionally reserved only for winners from the previous season. The PAC has discussed giving a two-year exemption to Kapalua for PGA Tour winners.

Finchem supports the idea, but the tour is looking for another title sponsor (although SBS is under contract through 2019). The commissioner said he wants to see if another sponsor emerges before making changes, to be sure a new sponsor agrees with the change

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PALM BEACH – Yes, I Can Attitude and Genuine Hospitality were lauded as Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa hosted the Colleague of the Month luncheon for April, May & June, 2010.

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3rd time in a row

Steven Max Freestyle Windsurfing World champion

ORANJESTAD – Three times is a charm they say, well he did it again. After battling through more then 20 heats in two different age categories, sailing the last six heats back to back, under grueling circumstances and horrible weather conditions, Steven Max found a way to fight his way back from the bottom of a double elimination sequence, all the way to the top, defending his title and again becoming the IFCA Freestyle world champion in the under 13 category.

The IFCA World Championship Freestyle Prokids 2010 was held in Bonaire, at Sorobon beach.

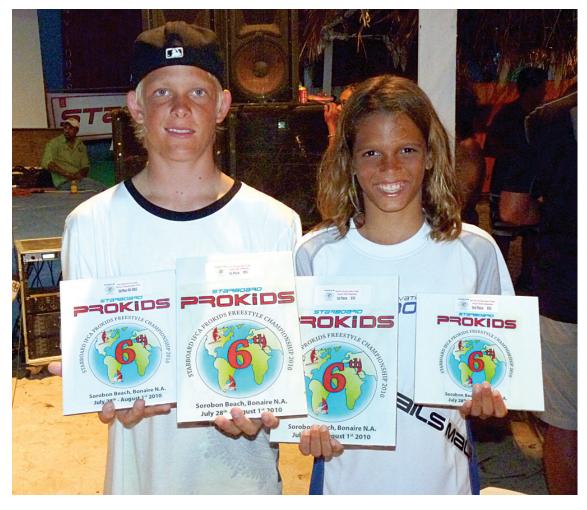
Sixty competitors from Europe, the US, and even Australia, Aruba, Curacao and of course Bonaire, competed for the honor of calling themselves, the IFCA Freestyle world champion 2010.

Not only did this 12 year old from Aruba compete in the under 13 class, he also entered the under 15 competition and after some more hard work and showing great skills he won third place as well.

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The overall results for this years IFCA Freestyle world championschip are in the under 20 class, first Place Hendrick Balentien from Bonaire, Rick

Jendrush from Holland second place, Ezri Heymans from Bonaire third place. In the under 17 category Bonaire's Dylan Robles won first place, Rafael the Windt from Curacao second and Amado Vrieswijk from Bonaire third place.

In the category under 15 first place went to Amado Vrieswijk, second to Nicolas Hibdige to from England and



third place to Steven Max from Aruba.

Steven Max defended his title for the third year in a row by winning first place in the under 13 category, second went to Stepherd Gustowski from Bonaire and third place to Aron Etmon from Curacao. In the baby category, Steven's six year old little sister Alima, with her amazing acrobatic moves and charming the crowd with her dazzling smile,

conquered 3rd place, making her big brother and family very proud.

Next year Steven will have the honor to represent Aruba again, this time in Holland, where the next IFCA Freestyle Prokids World Championschip will be held, in Brouwersdam. Steven hopes everyone will keep on supporting him and he's grateful that Interprint Aruba backed him up the way they did.

Crystal Theater offers Inception



ORANJESTAD -- Hollywood never looked so good. Angelina Jollie called the Crystal Theater her home last week as Salt premiered on the Island's largest screen, measuring 50 x 20 feet. This week Leonard Di Caprio presents his dream invasion accompanied by state of the art sound, at the Crystal Theater.

And audiences are thrilled with the presentations, viewing bigger than life movies in style and comfort. Crystal Theater came into play during the World Cup Soccer Games. While the South African extravaganza is history, the theater is in business, in the business of offering top notch movies, in their premier screening.

And to make the experience even more agreeable, the theater offers two delicious dinner options one at Aquarius Restaurant, presenting an abundant seafood buffet and the other at L.G. Smith Steak & Chop House, starring as the name of the restaurant implies, Steaks & Chops.

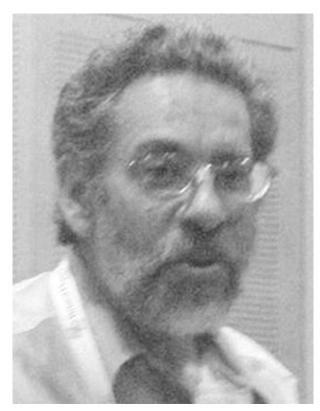
The Crystal Theater dinner and movie combo are priced at \$39+15%, and dinner reservations are accepted from 5:30 p.m., at both restaurants.

Patrons may call tel: 523 6115 for reservations or information, says Zugheila Lindeborg, Local Marketing Manager. Show time is 8:30 p.m., and the price of a movie ticket on its own is \$10. To purchase tickets stop by the box office next to the Crystal Casino, open from 5 p.m., or you may also purchase your tickets at the box office of the cinemas at Renaissance Marketplace or the Cinemas at Paseo Herencia. The Crystal Theater is active nightly showing movies, sport event, special performances and concerts. Kindly consult the weekly calendar of activities on www.thecinemas.aw or on Facebook.



Think twice before going unprotected!

Condom use in Caribbean unacceptably low



Condom use during sex in the Caribbean remains unacceptably low in an environment where HIV transmissions are still high, epidemiologist Professor Peter Figueroa says, and he also points out that the sexual habit of multiple partners is fuelling the epidemic in many countries.

Some progress is visible across the region but prevalence remains high, according to Figueroa and he hesitated to name more than three countries that are turning things around with respect to prevalence (based on the available data); he cited Haiti, The Bahamas and the Dominican Republic.

It was during a meeting of regional stakeholders in Vienna at the AIDS 2010 conference on Wednesday night that Figueroa of Jamaica pointed to the problems in the region. What he identified as perhaps the most serious issue is the realization that a considerable amount of Caribbean heterosexual men have multiple sex transactions outside of an intimate relationship.

"...There are large groups who are in relationships and are also engaging in sexual acts with commercial sex workers and they are not using condoms. In addition, the region faces another challenge with homosexual men who are also engaging in sexual acts with women", Figueroa noted.

The rate at which men have sex with men in the region is exceptionally high, Figueroa said, and he underscored that the issue emerges when homosexual men turn around and have sexual relations with women. He noted that Men who have sex with Men (MSM) are creating a bridge

between the two sexual groups and fuelling the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the region, in addition to heterosexual men with multiple sex partners.

And the problems are compounded by the Commercial Sex Workers (CSW) who are conducting sexual transactions without

condoms, Figueroa added. He said that generally condom use is minimal in the region. However, he emphasized that these issues must be addressed if the region is to gain on the progress made.

But there are other challenges. Figueroa pointed to the global map of HIV infections which was circulated in Vienna and which indicated that the Caribbean region only has 240,000 persons on register compared to other regions where the numbers are particularly high including China (700,000); Brazil (730,000); the Russian Federation (940,000); India (2.4M) Asia (4.7M) and Sub-Saharan Africa (22.4M) among others. According to Figueroa, people have already started to whisper about cutting back on funding regional programmes in an effort to scale up funding in regions where the epidemic is raging. This, he said, could mean that the Caribbean region is currently benefiting from the final disbursements of funding from the Global Fund. ... This could be our last round which means that we have to make it go a far way", he noted. The region has to focus on sustaining its programmes and on getting value for money, Figueroa contended, adding that many stakeholders also need to be held accountable including the Pan Caribbean Partnership Against HIV/AIDS (PANCAP).

There is also need for regional agencies to collaborate deeper by sharing experiences, he added. Additionally, he said the region has to build capacity.

But more critically, he said political will has been lacking. He said the policy has to change in a more meaningful way and stressed that leaders have to take some courageous steps in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Treatment and prevention Figueroa asserted that the focus of the AIDS 2010 conference has been on treatment and prevention and according to him, the region is struggling in this area. He said around 50 percent of persons in the region who need treatment are not even aware that they need to be treated. This, he said, raises the question of new strategies and whether the region should start looking at routine testing for people who turn up at hospitals. "It is important that we identify everyone who needs to be on treatment and start treating them", he pointed out.

Further, he noted that Caribbean people have to get over their hang-ups about discussing sex openly with young people because it is not helping the fight. He said also that young people need to be aware of the risks and that they must be armed with the information to make sound choices.

On the issue of openly discussing sex in the region, Ernest Massiah, Regional Director for UNAIDS agrees with Figueroa. He told Stabroek News during an interview in Vienna that the region still faces a problem of being able to speak candidly and clearly about sex, about sexual orientation and sexual behaviours, particularly with young people. He underscored that the region is struggling with providing access to treatment and prevention for those who are in need, in addition to the issue of new infections, more specifically, among young people.

Massiah believes that in the absence of these very critical conversations about sex, the Caribbean's efforts to move ahead in the fight are being impeded. He said too that punitive laws within the region which criminalise certain aspects of sexual behaviour are also posing serious problems.

With respect to policy and political will, he declared that regional leaders have never lost interest in the health of their people. "I believe HIV/AIDS is critical to health and economic well-being of the Caribbean and I don't believe leaders are losing faith...I think we have in the Caribbean a very amazing system coming up from the PANCAP mechanism but also too at the level of heads of government where there is a prime minister with responsibility for HIV/AIDS", he noted. According to Massiah, this type of coordination does not occur in many other regions and he called it an expression of a very mature and sophisticated political apparatus dedicated to addressing this issue.

Currently, he said the biggest challenge at this point in the Caribbean is that the prevention and treatment programmes are not getting to the population which is most at risk.



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served with funchi instead of French bread. Funchi is a local staple food.

Mussels are fantastically healthy: they contain hardly any cholesterol at all, are rich in vitamins and good fatty acids. The 'Zeeuwse Mosselen' are world famous: they are tasty and chewy. Every Thursday the mussels are delivered to Papillon straight from the airplane; you'd better make reservations fast as the export amount is limited.

Papillon Restaurant located at The Village across from the Radisson Resort on the hi-rise strip.

PALM BEACH - The mussel season has started with a bang! The first mussel night at Papillon Restaurant caused a riot: they were sold out on the first day. Not surprisingly, because this year the mussels

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The recent honoring were effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at La cabana Racquet Club Resort they call their home away from home. The following guest were honored as an Ambassador of Goodwill the following visitors were honored: Olga & Vito Bianco

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Ancient Techniques In The Modern World

Here we are, spirits in Physical Bodies. How do we transcend the physical when it is all we know? The ancient texts were written in a different time, when physical matter was a lot less dense than it is now. Thought and stillness might have worked when physical matter was more malleable, but in the solid concrete-like form we know today, the effects of non-action are minimal.

What can we do in this physical world that now

has the density of concrete? While we're racing around trying to keep our lives in order, stillness and meditation are not even on our long list of things that have to get done. We need to learn to meditate while in action. We will learn to remain still inside while we are physically rushing around taking care of our daily lives.

We know that the pursuit of the goal is all that matters, and the result of our effort is meaningless. The energy with which you approach your life determines not the physical outcome, but the energetic outcome of your daily actions. Your attitude creates the energetic foundation for your Life.

If you have a bad attitude, recognize it, release it and replace it with joy and gratitude. It sounds fluffy, but this is a powerful technique. You will learn to do this in an effortless instant as you reclaim conscious power over your own life. When you're grateful for your Life, everything transforms and you become empowered to make the changes you want. Gratitude transforms you from the energy of lack into the energy of abundance.

When we consciously let go of anger and embrace gratitude, we practice focusing mind our throughout the course of the day. The feeling might come and go at first, with only a few fleeting sensations of gratitude penetrating through the anger. Write, "I Love My Life" on post-it notes to remind you. Repeat

it in your head all day long. Sooner or later you will start to believe it. Then you will learn to effortlessly release your anger and fear while instantly replacing it with gratitude and joy. This is one way to teach yourself to meditate throughout the course of the day, because it focuses our mind no matter what is going on around us.

Quiet meditation is a powerful method of self-transformation and self-discovery, but it's not always the most practical path to enlightenment in today's society. Life doesn't always grant us the luxury of Stillness, but we can be grateful in every moment of our lives, no matter what task we're involved in.

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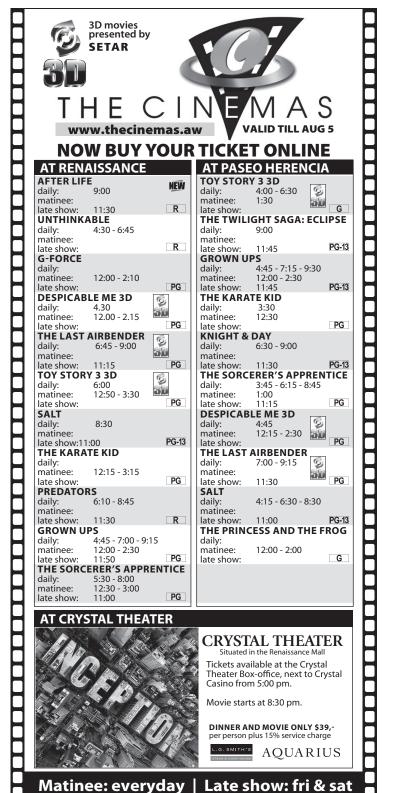
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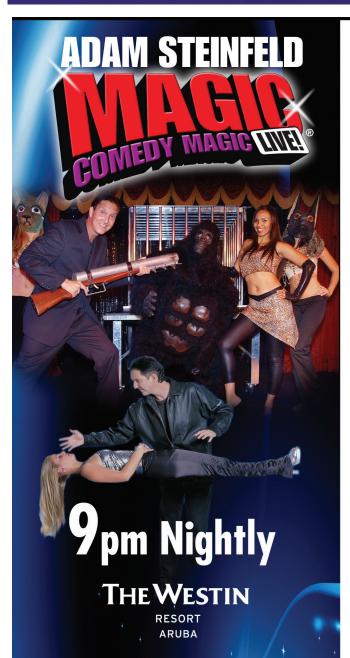
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Authority associate Ricardo Croes at the Aruba Beach Club Resort they call their home away from home. Walt & Janice McMann were honored as an Ambassador of goodwill after visiting Aruba for 20

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Therapies for the Female Journey

By: Dr Carlos Viana

Starting with her first menstrual bleeding, called 'menarche'; a young woman starts a journey where her body is greatly affected by hormones. In many cultures, both through social and medical perspectives it is often considered the central event of female puberty, as it signals the possibility of fecundity. The journey, however, may be burdened with problems which I see daily in our clinic.

Most women understand the importance of having a normal menstrual flow about every twenty-eight days. Well informed women know there are healthy ways to support the reproductive system. Women with healthy hormone activity will be able to start a family, when the time is right. Having healthy childbearing years, also support health later in life.

Along the journey, especially when overindulging on sweets and simple carbohydrates many women may develop a problem with vaginal Yeast infections. Later in the female hormone cycle, before menopause sets in, almost 70% of women experience some unpleasant symptoms. Thankfully, there are natural therapies that can help women make their journey a bit easier.

Menstrual regulation, menstrual symptoms (PMS) and menopause symptoms show improvement in our clinic when treated with acupuncture. The World Health Organization also lists relief from many symptoms of pregnancy and childbirth through acupuncture.

Herbs are another gift from nature used successfully in many cultures throughout time that assist with unbalanced hormones. Herbs that strengthen the female reproductive system include DONG OUAI and GINGER. Dong Quai has been used for centuries in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) as a womb tonic, antispasmodic, mild laxative, and blood purifier and to stimulate menstruations. Herbs that stimulate and promote normal menstrual flow are generally not to be used during pregnancy.

menstruations become too heavy Ginger warms the energy channels and stops bleeding. GINGER soothes the stomach and lessens nausea. Billions of people use GINGER every day as both food and medicine

Fertility refers the actual production of offspring, rather than the physical capability to produce which is termed fecundity. Throughout the ages wise women have known which herbs can increase a woman's ability to get pregnant. When taken properly fertility herbs have a proven track record of giving women nearly a 25% increase in fertility. Native Americans have used this herb for female health for many years. Proven as an aid for infertility, BLACK COHOSH is also used for treating uterine fibroids.

DONG QUAI is also traditionally valued as a very effective fertility promoter. For best results, I suggest using this during the days between ovulation and menstruation only. Check with a trained Herbalist. Naturopath, Traditional Chinese Medical doctor or Clinical Nutritionist for safe, correct use.. RED CLOVER BLOSSOMS's high vitamin content is very valuable to the uterus and its high protein content benefits the whole body. It's also quite high in calcium & magnesium which relax the nervous system and help promote fertility. This herb also contains nearly every trace mineral needed by the glands. Daily use can help balance hormonal functioning.

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and Balancing regulating hormones that start going crazy before menopause, BLACK COHOSH is still valued by women today to help in the balancing of hormones and has been shown to be useful in treating stress-related symptoms of PMS and menopause.

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Typical menopause symptoms, such as hot flashes



or night sweats, are caused by changing hormonal levels in the female reproductive system. Almost all women notice early symptoms while still having periods. This stage of gradually falling and fluctuating hormone levels is called perimenopause, which often begins in the early 40s. RED CLOVER contains isoflavones which have shown to be useful in helping to alleviate the symptoms of female menopause. Steroidlike compounds in this herb can change to estradiol and estrone which are estrogen precursors, giving it mild estrogenic properties which can be helpful during menopause.

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With test results, we can help you choose the right therapy or herb to support your female (or male) journey.

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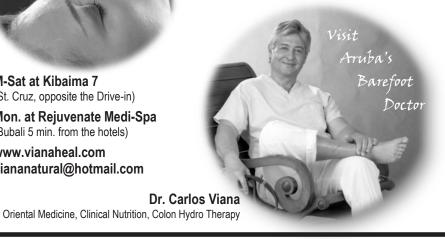
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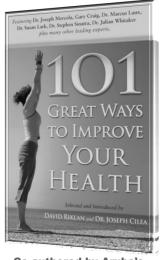




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Are Americans now more honest about their weight?

By MIKE STOBBE, AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA – Are Americans becoming more honest about their weight?

That theory could explain why the gap appears to be closing in what people say they weigh and what actual measurements report.

A new government telephone survey released Tuesday puts the adult obesity rate at nearly 27 percent and rising. A more scientific survey has already said the rate is 34 percent and holding steady.

Experts believe the 27 percent is probably an underestimate, because it's based on what people say. People tend to say they weigh less than they actually do and say they are taller than they are.

The fact that it's catching up to the more accepted 34 percent estimate could

suggest people are becoming more accurate when they talk about their girth. It's one explanation, anyway, said Dr. William Dietz, of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"It is possible people are paying more attention to their weight and reporting it more accurately," said Dietz, director of the CDC's Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity.

The new results are based on a telephone survey of about 400,000 people who were asked their height and weight. CDC researchers then calculate whether the person is obese, following a standard formula for body mass index. Under the formula, a 5-foot-4 woman is obese if she weighs 174 pounds or more, a 5-foot-10 man fits that description if he weighs at least 209

ounds

The study found that nearly 27 percent of the surveyed adults said they were obese in 2009, up from about 25.5 percent in 2007, a small but statistically significant increase.

Earlier this year, the CDC released results from another study that actually weighed and measured 5,700 adults. It found that 34 percent are obese; results have been similar in the last three surveys.

The differing surveys mean the CDC is reporting that obesity is increasing — and that it's not.

"We have somewhat contradictory data," because the studies were done differently and sampled different populations, Dietz said. There could be several reasons why the telephone survey produced different

results, said Dr. K.M. Venkat Narayan, an Emory University public health professor familiar with the two studies.

For example, the phone survey included only people with landline telephones, meaning others with cell phones were not part of the data, he said. It could be that a significant number of people who exclusively use cell phones are obese and not counted.

As for people underreporting their height and weight, "it's not so much lying," but rather that they don't regularly get on a scale, Narayan said.

The new report also found that in nine states at least 30 percent of the adults were obese in 2009. The states were Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, Oklahoma, West Virginia

and Mississippi, the highest at 34 percent. In 2007, only Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee topped 30 percent. No states met a national goal for 2010 of limiting obesity to 15 percent. Only Colorado and the District of Columbia were lower than 20 percent, and just barely.

Colorado's rate of about 19 percent may be due in part to its hiking trails and recreational culture. Another factor may be its Rocky Mountain altitudes, which require people to burn more energy to do routine physical activities, Dietz said during a Tuesday teleconference with reporters.

Washington's rate — just under 20 percent — could be tied to common use of public transportation there, or to higher rates of breast-feeding and fruit and vegetable consumption, he said.

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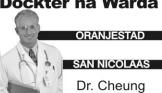
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GOP Blank Check for War?

Pat Buchanan

High among the blunders of history was the "blank cheque" Kaiser Wilhelm gave Vienna, after the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, to deal with the Serbs as they saw fit.

Five weeks later, Vienna cashed the check and declared war, after Belgrade refused to submit to all 10 demands of an ultimatum. Russia mobilized; Germany and France followed. And war came, the bloodiest in all of European history with 9 million soldiers in their graves.

Since June 1914, a "blank check" given by one nation to another for war has been regarded as strategic folly.

Thus it is startling to learn 47 House Republicans just signed on to H.R. 1553 declaring unequivocal "support for Israel's right to use all means necessary to confront and eliminate nuclear threats posed by Iran ... including the use of military force."

These Republicans have just given Tel Aviv a blank check for a pre-emptive war that Israel, unless it uses its nuclear weapons, can start but not finish. Fighting and finishing that war would fall to the armed forces of the United States.

Who do these Republicans represent?

The Pentagon has made clear that with two wars of nearly a decade's duration bleeding us, we do not want a third war with Iran. For while easy to predict how such a war begins, with air and missile strikes on Iran's nuclear facilities, no one can know how it ends.

Indeed, how would Israel reach its targets in Iran? Turkey would not allow Israeli over-flights. The route over Jordan and Iraq would require U.S. military complicity, for we control Iraqi air space. Would Riyadh permit Israel to use its airspace to attack Iran,

knowing Tehran could create havoc in the Gulf states and oil patch of northeastern Arabia?

The Israeli air force could destroy the nuclear power plant at Bushehr, the heavy water reactor at Arak and uranium enrichment facility at Natanz. But Israel cannot follow up and destroy all the dispersed nuclear facilities and missile sites of Iran. And no one knows what would follow.

How would Iran retaliate? Missile strikes on Tel Aviv? A missile barrage form Hezbollah igniting another Israeli-Lebanon war?

How long could the United States stand by and watch Israel bombarded?

Indeed, the principal purpose and result of an Israeli pre-emptive war on Iran, bringing retaliation on Israel, would be to drag America in to fight and finish a war Israel had begun.

In whose interest is that? And who dreamed this resolution up?

If America joined the attack, we would have to complete the destruction of Iran's nuclear facilities and destroy its missile sites, coastal defenses, navy, air force and hundreds of speedboats to prevent attacks on U.S. warships and tankers transiting the Strait of Hormuz.

We would have to strike all the Republican Guard bases near Iraq and Afghanistan to protect our troops. We would have to kill thousands of Iranians.

Would Iran retaliate by inciting the Mahdi Army to kill our men in Iraq? Would it set Hezbollah to kidnap or kill Americans in Lebanon? Would Iran retaliate for its civilian dead by activating agents to commit terrorism in the United States? No one knows.

In 1986, Ronald Reagan ordered air strikes on Libya to retaliate for Qaddafi's bombing of the Berlin discotheque. In 1989, in retaliation, Qaddafi blew up Pan Am 103. Death toll: 270 men, women and children. It's called blowback.

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The House Republican resolution supports Israel's use of "all means necessary" to "eliminate nuclear threats" that represent an "immediate and existential threat to the State of Israel."

What "immediate and existential threat" are they talking about?

It is Israel that has hundreds of atomic bombs. Iran has no atom bombs, has tested no atomic device, has diverted none of its low-enriched uranium out of the sight of U.N. inspectors and has offered to ship half of its LEU to Turkey in exchange for fuel rods for a U.S.-built reactor that makes medical isotopes. And half of the centrifuges at Natanz have broken down. Undeniably, Iran is gaining knowledge of how to build a bomb. But such a decision would seem idiotic from Iran's standpoint, risking Israeli or U.S. nuclear strikes and provoking Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Egypt to follow suit and acquire the bomb, leaving Iran even more isolated and vulnerable,

Three years ago, 16 U.S. intelligence agencies reached a consensus that Iran had given up on the project of building a bomb. Do these Republicans have hard evidence Iran is diverting its enriched uranium to such a bomb? If so, where is it?

Have these Republicans forgotten what happened to their colleagues in 2006, who voted Bush that blank check for war on Iraq in 2002?

Why, with all the issues going for them, House Republicans would announce full-throated support for a pre-emptive war on Iran that Americans would have to fight and finish, escapes me.

But if this is where a Republican House would take America, into yet another war, best that we know it before voting this fall.





Mercosur pide reunión presidentes por crisis Colombia-Venezuela

SAN JUAN, Argentina (Reuters) - Mandatarios de la unión aduanera Mercosur pidieron el martes a la presidencia rotativa del bloque y la jefatura de Unasur convocar a una reunión de jefes de Estado "a la brevedad posible" para tratar la crisis diplomática entre Colombia y Venezuela.

El pedido consta entre los documentos aprobados en la cumbre de mandatarios del Mercosur, integrado por Argentina, Brasil, Uruguay y Paraguay, celebrada el martes en la andina ciudad argentina de San Juan.

El bloque tiene como asociados a Chile y Bolivia, mientras que Venezuela se encuentra en proceso de adhesión. Varios presidentes sudamericanos coincidirán el sábado en Bogotá en la jura del nuevo jefe de Estado de Colombia, Juan Manuel Santos, a la que asistirá también el secretario general de la Unión de Naciones Suramericanas (Unasur), el ex mandatario argentino Néstor Kirchner.

El conflicto entre Bogotá y Caracas se desató tras la denuncia de Colombia de que Venezuela alberga en su territorio a guerrilleros que clasifica como terroristas. Por esa denuncia, el presidente Chávez anunció la ruptura de relaciones diplomáticas con su vecino.

El canciller de Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro, presente en la reunión de San Juan, dijo que "aspiramos en los próximos días a que estas situaciones complejas de amenazas que se han cernido sobre la tranquilidad de (...) Venezuela sean superadas".



El canciller de Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro (izquierda en la imagen), recibe un saludo de bienvenida de parte de su homólogo argentino, Héctor Timmerman, en la cumbre del Mercosur en San Juan, ago 2 2010. REUTERS/Marcos Brindicci







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